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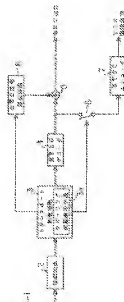
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Abstract of JP 9214845 (A)

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To limit free copying by the use of information depending on the will of the supply source of the information such as a writer. **SOLUTION:** The possibility of copying is arbitrarily shown while using a copy write flag and an original copy flag determined by an original/non-original switch 3. When switch 3 is set with the prescribed information of images or the like is reproduced and outputted from the digital signal in the signal format determined by the ISO/IEC13818, based on the copy write flag and the original copy flag, a copy flag state detecting means 3a detects the copy flag state. When the copy flag state is detected, a switch 4 is turned on or off, so that these flags can be copied or not. When it is discriminated that copy is enabled, a switch 6 is turned on so that a normal signal for reproducing this prescribed information can be outputted as a signal for recording; Besides, when it is discriminated that copying is disabled, the switch 6 is turned off so that a signal for recording is turned into non-signal state.



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